

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOY ORJI,

Plaintiff,

v.

WALMART SUPERSTORES INC,

Defendant.

No. 2:23-cv-1795 TLN DB PS

ORDER

Plaintiff Joy Orji is proceeding in this action pro se. This matter was referred to the undersigned in accordance with Local Rule 302(c)(21) and 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). On November 22, 2023, defendant file a motion to strike and motion to dismiss, which are noticed for hearing before the undersigned on January 19, 2024, pursuant to Local Rule 302(c)(21). (ECF Nos. 8-11.)

On January 16, 2024, the parties filed a stipulation to continue the hearing of defendants' motions. (ECF No. 29.) That stipulation will be granted. However, the stipulation was filed by attorney Fred Ihejirika, who seeks a "Limited Substitution of Attorney" solely for the "purpose of representing Plaintiff at the hearing of the pending Motion to Strike and Motion to Dismiss." (ECF No. 29-1 at 1.) Plaintiff would "remain as her attorney of record (Pro Se) FOR all other purposes." (Id.) (emphasis in original).

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1 Plaintiff is advised that, based on a review of the briefing submitted, it is very likely
2 defendants' motions will be taken under submission without a hearing pursuant to Local Rule
3 230(g). Plaintiff, therefore, will be granted additional time to consult with attorney Ihejirika to
4 determine the appropriate course of action.

5 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

6 1. The January 19, 2024, hearing of defendant's motion to strike (ECF No. 8) and motion
7 to dismiss (ECF No. 9) is continued to **Friday, March 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the United
8 States District Court, 501 I Street, Sacramento, California, in Courtroom No. 27, before the
9 undersigned; and

10 2. Within fourteen days of the date of this order attorney Ihejirika shall consult with
11 plaintiff and file either a renewed notice of appearance or a withdrawal of the purposed limited
12 substitution.

13 Dated: January 17, 2024



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15 DEBORAH BARNES
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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